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King County: Newcastle dentist's license immediately suspended

Charges included sexual misconduct, inappropriate narcotic drug prescribing

OLYMPIA — State health officials have immediately suspended the license of Newcastle dentist, Gil Furman (DE00007704). The Dental Quality Assurance Commission and the Department of Health say Furman cannot practice safely because of inappropriate conduct with a female patient and overprescribing controlled drugs.

Furman cannot practice in Washington until the charges are resolved.

In September of 2011, Furman was convicted in King County Superior Court on two counts of communication with a minor for immoral purposes, gross misdemeanors. Furman molested a child from the time she was 13 years old until she was 15.

Between 2009 and 2010, Furman allegedly prescribed narcotic and non-narcotic medications to three people who weren't his patients, and didn't keep records for treating them.

Furman is also alleged to have prescribed at least 450 hydrocodone pills to a patient for a non-dental use between November 2011 and March 2012.

Furman has 20 days to respond to the charges and to ask for a hearing. Legal documents are available by clicking the link to "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health website](#) (doh.wa.gov) or by calling 360-236-4700.

The Dental Commission licenses and uses practice standards to discipline dentists in Washington as needed.

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